

Fiscal Year 2013 Declining Species Wildlife Habitat EQIP Initiative Application Screening Worksheet <u>A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EOIP application.</u>	
Applicant Name:	Application No:
Evaluator Name:	Date:
<p>This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for Declining Species Wildlife Habitat EQIP Initiative assistance. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, application periods are established for purposes of evaluation, ranking, and funding decisions. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs related to this initiative.</p> <p>Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file and unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (high, medium, and low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant. The priority determination of high, medium or low must be recorded in ProTracts for this applicant.</p>	
<u>High Priority Category: (If the following is true)</u> Fish or Wildlife conservation treatments “predominantly” affect habitat for Federal or State threatened, endangered, rare, and selected species (selected species included: Tricolored blackbird, Western burrowing owl, Foothill yellow-legged frog, Steelhead, Western pond turtle and pollinators) where the planned Wildlife Habitat Appraisal Guide (WHAG) score is greater than or equal to 0.5 (≥ 0.5), CA Native Bee Pollinator Habitat Assessment Guide score is greater than or equal to 140 (≥ 140), or for instream habitat improvements, a Stream Visual Assessment Protocol (SVAP) score of greater than or equal to 7 (≥ 7).	High Priority Status in ProTracts
<u>Medium Priority Category: (If the following is true)</u> Fish or Wildlife Improvements “predominantly” affecting habitat for Rare, Proposed, Candidate or CA Fully Protected plant or animal species where the planned Wildlife Habitat Appraisal Guide (WHAG) score is greater than or equal to 0.5 (≥ 0.5), or for instream habitat improvements, a Stream Visual Assessment Protocol (SVAP) score of greater than or equal to 7 (≥ 7).	Medium Priority Status in ProTracts

<p><u>Low Priority Category:</u> (If one of the following is true)</p> <p>Fish or Wildlife Improvements “predominantly” affecting habitat for Species of Special Concern (as identified by California Department of Fish and Game) where the planned Wildlife Habitat Appraisal Guide (WHAG) score is greater than or equal to 0.5 (≥ 0.5), or for instream habitat improvements, a Stream Visual Assessment Protocol (SVAP) score of greater than or equal to 7 (≥ 7).</p>			<p>Low Priority Status in ProTracts</p>
<p>District Conservationist Approval Signature:</p>		<p>Date Approved:</p>	